

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

[0050] In any event, the projection 82 preferably has a sloped guide surface 82a, an inner facing surface 82b and an internal surface 82c. The sloped guide surface 82a diverges from the center plane P of the tension pulley 56 as the guide surface 82a approaches the rotation axis X. Preferably, the sloped guide surface 82a is a frustoconically shaped surface. The inner facing surface 82b extends radially inwardly from an axially innermost end of the sloped guide surface 82a. Preferably, the inner facing surface 82b is an annular, planar surface. The inner facing surface 82b forms a free edge of the projection 82 located furthest from the center plane P of the tension pulley 56. The inner facing surface (free edge) 82b of the projection 82 lies in an offset plane Q perpendicular to the rotation axis X, and parallel to the center plane P of the tension pulley 56, as best seen in Figures 12 and 14. Preferably, the sloped guide surface 82a and the inner facing surface 82b are substantially flat. The internal surface 82c is preferably a cylindrical flat surface that extends axially toward a center plane P of the tension pulley 56 from the inner facing surface 82b.

Please replace paragraph [0051] beginning at page 10, line 12 with the following rewritten version:

[0051] The tension pulley 56 preferably further includes a through opening 86 with a bushing 88 mounted therein. One of the bolts 60 is received within the ~~busing~~ bushing 88 such that the tension pulley 56 is freely rotatable. A plurality of holes/cutouts are also preferably formed in the tension pulley 56. A dust cap 90 is preferably mounted on each axial side of the tension pulley 56. Each dust cap 90 is preferably an annular, cup-shaped member that has a mounting portion 90a and an annular flange portion 90b. Each dust cap 90 is also mounted about the bolt 60 and the rotation axis X. In particular, each dust cap 90 has an open end defined by the annular (cylindrical) portion 90b that faces the center plane P. The dust caps 90 are mounted axially between the tension pulley 56 and the inner and outer guide plates 52 and 54.